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Office Action Summary

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DEIEN, MELVIN

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 8/26/4 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20040826.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference character(s) mentioned in the description: "370" in Figure 10; "58a" in Figure 3. Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.
2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: 116a & 116b. Corrected drawing sheets, or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description, are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.
3. The drawings are objected to because "109" in Figure 5 should be "119". Corrected

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drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-5, 8-11, 14-16, & 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Powers (U.S. Patent 4915088).

Powers discloses a bow sight system & bow for use in conjunction with a pin sight, the bow sight system comprising a bow (12) with a string (Figure 2), a bow sight assembly comprising a base plate (10) for mounting rearward on the bow toward the string, the base plate having a front for orienting forwardly on the bow and a rear for orienting rearwardly on

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the bow, the base plate having a mounting portion (22) for being mounted on the bow and a support portion extending from the mounting portion (20), the two portions substantially coplanar, the support portion of the base plate comprises a neck section (16) and an adjustment section (24), the neck section being mounted on the mounting portion, the neck section extending outwardly from the mounting portion, the adjustment section being oriented substantially transverse to a longitudinal axis of the neck section, the support portion including a support slot (25), the support slot being located on the adjustment section; the base plate being elongated in a longitudinal direction for the base plate and having a longitudinal axis; a sighting assembly (30) having a pedestal (31) slidably mounted on the base plate and having a channel (28) formed therein; a mast member (32) mounted on the pedestal with an end portion of the mast member being positioned in the channel of the pedestal such that a position of the mast member in the channel is adjustable along an axis extending substantially perpendicular to the plane of the support portion of the base plate; and a sight guide (34) mounted on the mast member and having a V-shaped sight groove (36) with a V-shaped cross section for guiding the aiming of the bow, the sight groove extending along an axis oriented substantially parallel to the plane defined by the support plate, such that said sight guide will obscure the archer's view below the V shaped cross section, the sighting assembly being mounted on the base plate in a manner so that the sighting assembly is adjustably movable with respect to the base plate along an axis that is substantially perpendicular to a plane of the support portion & the longitudinal axis of the base plate to permit adjustment of the position of the sight groove of the sighting assembly in horizontal & vertical directions when the invention is mounted on the bow, additionally comprising a pin sight assembly (18) mounted on the bow in a position forward of the bow away from the user such that the bow is located between the pin sight assembly and the bow

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sight assembly when the user draws the string of the bow (Figure 1).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 6, 7, 12, 13, 17, & 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powers in view of London (U.S. Patent 5634278).

Powers discloses all of the instant claimed invention as stated above in the rejection of claims 1-5, 8-11, 14-16, & 19-21 but does not disclose a pair of alignment marks being located on an opposite side of the sight groove, or a light assembly with a light.

London discloses a bow sight with lighting means providing alignment marks (76, 78), via lights (72) supported in a lighting assembly (22, 26) (Figure 2) in order to programmably provide accurate aiming for variable distances (col. 1 lines 38-40). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to add the lighting assembly, & lights disclosed by London to the base plate disclosed by Powers; and the alignment marks disclosed by London to the opposite sides of the sight groove disclosed by Powers in order to programmably provide accurate aiming for variable distances.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Merritt discloses a bow sight (U.S. Patent 5836294). Slates discloses a bow sight having an adjustable level & a fiber optic pin sight for a bow (U.S. Patents 5630279 & 5619801). Thames et al. discloses an archery bow sight (U.S. Patent 5435068). Larson


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discloses an illuminated sighting structure for archery bows (U.S. Patent 4521972). Duerst discloses a bow sight (U.S. Patent 4325190). Schroeder discloses an illuminated bowsight (U.S. Patent 4220983). Robinson discloses an electrically lighted sight for an archery bow (U.S. Patent 4195414). Hindes discloses a lighted sight pin for archery bows (U.S. Patent 4177572). Spencer discloses a sighting apparatus (U.S. Patent 3945127). Fredrickson discloses an archery sight (U.S. Patent 2642661).

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Travis M Reis whose telephone number is (571) 272-2249. The examiner can normally be reached on 8--5 M--F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego Gutierrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306 for all communications.

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